

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A process for the production of a backing foil consisting of a foil one side having an uncured or at most partially cured transparent coating and, on the side of the coating remote from the foil, having an image thereon, said process consisting of ~~comprising~~ the successive steps:
  - a) providing a backing foil consisting of a foil coated on one side with an uncured or at most partially cured transparent coating of a curable coating composition.  
and
  - b) providing the side of the coating remote from the foil with an image.
2. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the side of the coating remote from the foil is provided with the image in process step b) by printing.
3. (original) The process of claim 2, wherein printing proceeds by inkjet printing.
4. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the transparent coating comprises a coating selected from the group consisting of thermally curable coatings, coatings curable by means of high-energy radiation and coatings which are curable by means of high-energy radiation and additionally by thermal means.
5. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the transparent coating contains 1 to 20%, relative to the resin solids content, of an inorganic filler.
6. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein, between the performance of process steps a) and b), a further transparent coating is applied of a coating composition which contains 1 to 20 wt.%, relative to the resin solids content, of an inorganic filler.

7. (original) The process of claim 6, wherein the coating composition used to apply the further transparent coating has the same resin solids composition as the transparent coating on the backing foil provided in process step a).

8. (currently amended) A backing Backing foil consisting of a foil coated with an uncured or at most partially cured transparent coating and provided with an image using the process of claim 1.

9. (currently amended) A process for providing substrate surfaces with images covered by a transparent coating layer, consisting of ~~comprising~~ the successive steps:

a') providing a substrate to be provided with an image covered with a transparent coating layer and of a backing foil consisting of a foil one side having a first uncured or at most partially cured transparent coating, optionally, a further transparent coating and, on the side of the transparent coating remote from the foil, having an image thereon,

b') applying the backing foil with its coated side provided with the image onto the substrate,

c') curing of at least the first transparent coating and

d') removing the foil from the transparent coating which, together with the image, remains on the substrate, wherein curing according to process step c') proceeds before and/or after removal of the foil.

10. (previously presented) The process of claim 9, wherein the first transparent coating is thermally curable and curing proceeds in step c') by supply of thermal energy by means of a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any desired combination thereof.

11. (original) The process of claim 9, wherein the first transparent coating is curable by means of high-energy radiation and the curing in step c') proceeds by irradiation with high-energy radiation selected from the group consisting of electron beam radiation and UV radiation.

12. (previously presented) The process of claim 9, wherein the curable coating composition is a coating composition curable thermally and by means of high-energy radiation and the curing in step c') proceeds by supply of thermal energy by means of a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any combination thereof and by irradiation with high-energy radiation selected from the group consisting of electron beam radiation and UV radiation.